



# Bendable **Maine** Digest

A monthly update on the lifelong learning system being shaped by Mainers for Mainers

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## What's new?

“How will Bendable reflect Maine’s cohesive identity while addressing the needs of local communities?”

That was the driving question that a team from the Drucker Institute and Maine State Library explored with about 60 local librarians, adult education officials and others during five workshops held last month in Falmouth, Bangor, Augusta and Lewiston.

The compelling set of answers that emerged will now be used to create a variety of possible designs for the Bendable Maine digital platform—the first part of a development process that will be driven by stakeholders across the state and culminate in the launch of the lifelong learning system in the summer of 2022. (For more, please visit [bendable.com](https://bendable.com).)

The Drucker Institute team is planning to come back to Maine in October to review these early designs and begin conversations with local residents about what learning resources should be included in the Bendable Maine catalog. Stay tuned for more details on that.

And, of course, when we’re back, we’ll happily slip in a few more lobster rolls, as well!



The Drucker Institute’s Rick Wartzman, Sarah Zaner, Lex Dennis and Fred Teague join the Maine State Library’s Janet McKenney in South Freeport for a lobster roll or two or three. . .